GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against the Forest Officials of Kakinada Division, Rajahmundry Circle, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry conducted – Charges held not proved – Further action dropped in respect of Sri D.N.V.S. Prasad, Forest Beat Officer (Retd.) & (4) others – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 82 **Dated: 15-10-2024**

Read the following: -

1)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter.Ref.No.3514/2016/A&DC-3(xxxx), dated 13.02.2023.
2)Govt. Memo.No.568/Sec.IV/A1/2023, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.IV) Department, dated 09.05.2023.
3)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter.Ref.No.3514/2016/A&DC-3, dated 25.07.2023.
4)Govt. Memo.No.568/Sec.IV/A1/2023, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (Sec.IV) Department, dated 05.12.2023.
5)From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri, Letter.Ref.No.3514/2016/A&DC-3, dated 25.02.2024.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri has informed that, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the following (5) Officials of Kakinada Division, Rajahmundry Circle by the Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada Division, Kakinada by issuing Articles of Charges, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991:

1) Sri D.N.V.S. Prasad, Forest Beat Officer, I/c Bhimavaram Beat of Seethapalli Section of Sudikonda Range of Kakinada Division.
2) Sri M.V. Sambasiva Rao, Forest Beat Officer, Pedanutala Beat of Damanapalli Section of Gokavaram Range of Kakinada Division.
3) Sri G.Rama Krishna, Forest Beat Officer, I/c Anguluru Beat of Purushothapatnam Section of Gokavaram Range of Kakinada Division.
4) Sri M. Rambabu, Forest Beat Officer, Bowruwaka Beat of Sankhavaram Section of Yeleswaram Range of Kakinada Division.
5) Smt. B. Vijaya Ratnam, Forest Section Officer, Sankhavaram Section, formerly I/c Yeleswaram Section of Yeleswaram Range of Kakinada Division.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle as Common Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Flying Squad Division, Rajahmundry as Presenting Officer in Proc.No.3514/2016/Vig-1(i&ii), dated 15.05.2017 respectively, for conducting the regular inquiry into the charges framed against the Forest Officials. Subsequently, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., has appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle as Common Inquiring Authority in Proc.No.3514/2016/Vig-1, dated 31.10.2017, for conducting the regular inquiry. The Common Inquiring Authority & Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle, Rajamahendravaram has completed the inquiry and submitted findings in Rc.No.29/2017-M8, dated 23.06.2018 wherein, the Inquiry Officer has concluded that the charges framed against the aforesaid (5) Charged Officers were held not proved in the inquiry.

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3. The disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 since the Charged Officers were retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation.

4. After careful examination of the matter keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Officer, Government have decided and hereby order to drop further action in the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the (5) Officials viz., (i) Sri D.N.V.S. Prasad, Forest Beat Officer (Retd.); (ii) Sri M.V. Sambasiva Rao, Forest Beat Officer (Retd.); (iii) Sri G. Rama Krishna, Forest Beat Officer (Retd.); (iv) Sri M. Rambabu, Forest Beat Officer (Retd.); and (v) Smt. B. Vijaya Ratnam, Forest Section Officer (Retd.), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as the charges framed against them were held not proved in the inquiry.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Individuals concerned through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission.
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